# Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ)



Safety Management System Project Report

November 2 -3, 2011



# **Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ)**

- DBQ Participation in FAA Pilot Studies
- Project Tasks
- Challenges and Lessons Learned
- SMS Roadmap





## **Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ)**

- FAA Pilot Study I April 2007- June 2008
  - Gap Analysis, SMS Manual and Implementation Plan
- FAA Pilot Study III September 2010 November 2011
  - Safety Risk Management Implementation
  - Three Safety Risk Assessments
  - Implement a Safety Reporting & Data Collection System
  - Collection of Safety Data
  - Trend Analysis
  - Internal Program Evaluation
  - Other
    - Review of SMS Manual
    - → Data Analysis Reports
    - + Final report





# Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ) Background

- Dubuque Regional
- Owned by the City of Dubuque
  Airport's site is about 1,100 acres with 2- runways
- Class IV, mostly for general aviation operations
- Services include maintenance, refueling and hangars
- University of Dubuque has a flight school
- Safety DBQ has been recognized by FAA a number of times for its strong safety commitment.
- DBQ won the FAA's "Airport Safety Enhancement Award in 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003.
- DBQ Airport marked 17 consecutive years of perfect safety inspections for Part 139. That record is unmatched among the approximate 600 certified U.S airports



## **DBQ Study Tasks**

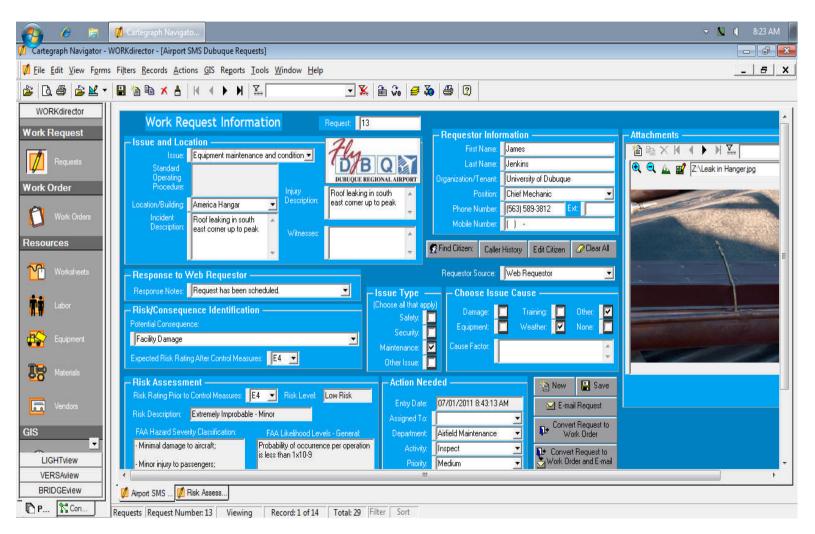


# Task 1 - Safety Risk Management Implementation

- Reviewed, assessed, and updated of SMS Manual from Pilot Phase 1, including SRM process
- SRM and SA training to SRA staff
- ARA and Cartegraph developed SRM software module
- Discussions with SMS Coordinator and DBQ staff on SRM of daily hazards identified
- Backbone of the safety reporting system is an asset management system which serves as basis for SMS module

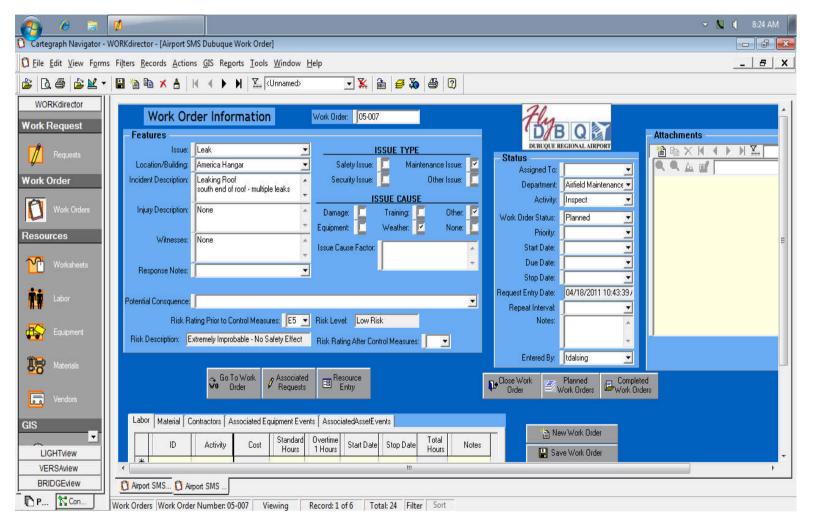


# DBQ Screen Shot Hazard Data and SRM



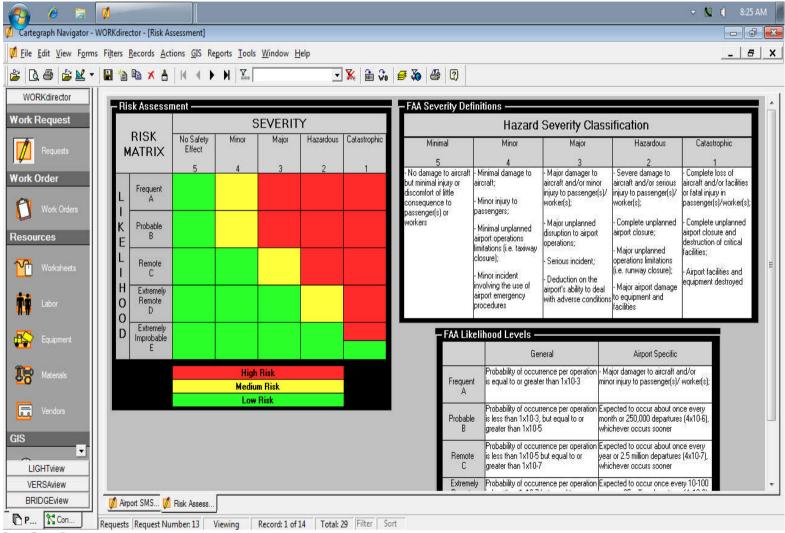


# DBQ Screen Shot SMS Hazard/Incident Database





# **DBQ Screen Shot Risk Assessment**

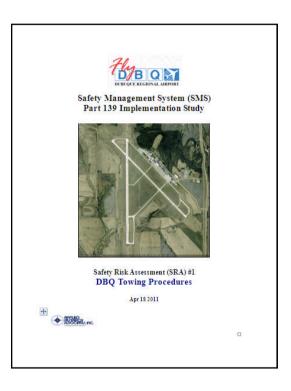




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#### **Task 2 - DFW Safety Risk Assessments**

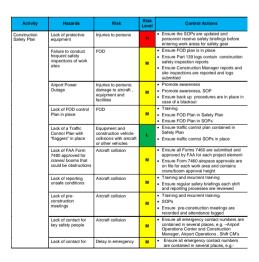
- Topics
  - AOA Driver Training Program
  - Aircraft Towing Operations
  - Construction Safety (New terminal, ramp, taxiways, service road)
- Results
  - Identification of key hazards, associated risk ratings, mitigation strategies, and post-mitigation risk ratings from SRM brainstorming sessions
  - Identified risk mitigation actions
  - Recommendations to further mitigate low risks





#### **Lessons Learned**

- The combination of key stakeholders and SMEs is essential to success
- General topics (e.g. Construction) are more difficult to realize consequential results
  - Need to stretch to identify specific hazard areas
  - Plan for extended time periods
  - Takes more in depth time and assessment than stakeholders anticipate
- Facilitation is key to mantain focus
- Brief of SRM topic and process before the start of the session
- SRM meetings helped view job tasks in different sense
  - Have key stakeholders who do the job attend brainstorming session
  - Maintain focus on areas specific to the SRM topic
  - Maintain control of FHA / brainstorming sessions
  - It is recommended to have a preliminary list of hazards identified for the brainstorming session specific to the topic





## **DBQ Study Tasks**

### Task 3 - Safety Reporting and Data Collection for DBQ

OLD:

Methodology for incident or hazard reporting:

- Events recorded in text / paper and in Word-type database
- Documentation and distribution of incident report forms in Word documents stored in multiple locations
- Cumbersome and labor intensive and possibly inconsistent Inefficient and No holistic ability to collect, analyze, conduct trending of incidents and hazards
- A reactive process reporting





## **DBQ Study Tasks**

Safety Reporting and Data Collection for DBQ

#### NEW:

#### **Enhancements supporting SMS**

- Automated incident reporting and hazard identification
- Virtually Paperless
- Consistent format which allows for archiving and permanent record keeping
- Created work efficiencies / operational effectiveness
- Creation of incident and hazard "central data repository" to effectively collect, analyze, and manage incidents and hazards of entire airport
- Proactive response capability to mitigate hazards







#### Other Enhancements

- Your Gov SMS Safety Reporting System
  Enhancements Went live February 16, 2011 for DBQ staff use
  - Underwent final testing with user groups June 6, 2011
  - Went live on June 16, 2011 for public use (Anonymous reporting capability in next software upgrade)
  - SMS Hazard recording and management
  - Enhanced event reporting fields
  - Alert event information captured in fields
  - Enhanced Part 139 discrepancy, incident and asset management reporting fields
  - Airfield personnel have Smart Phones with capability for reporting, sending pictures and GIS location

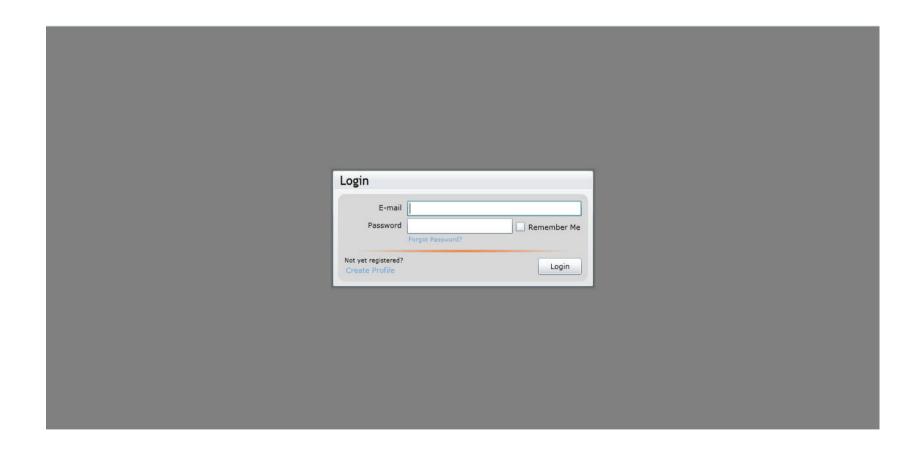


# DBQ Fly DBQ Web -Page



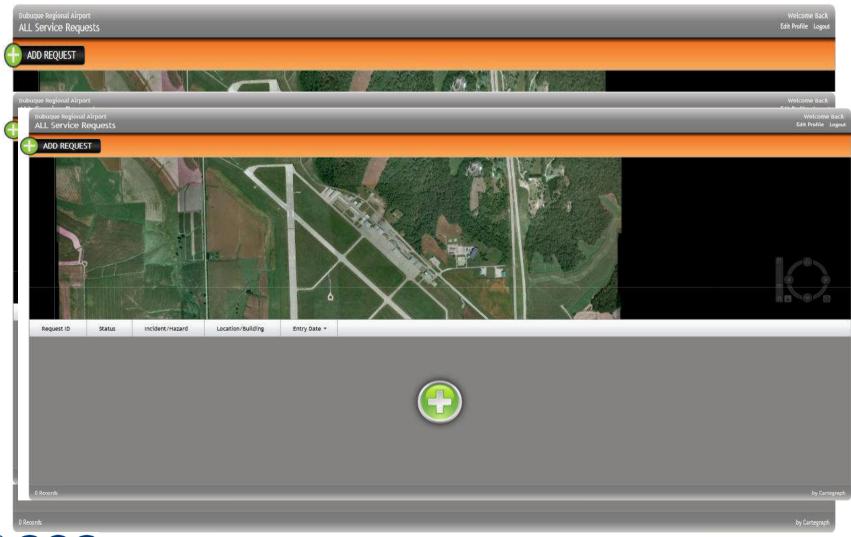


# DBQ Fly DBQ SMS Login Page



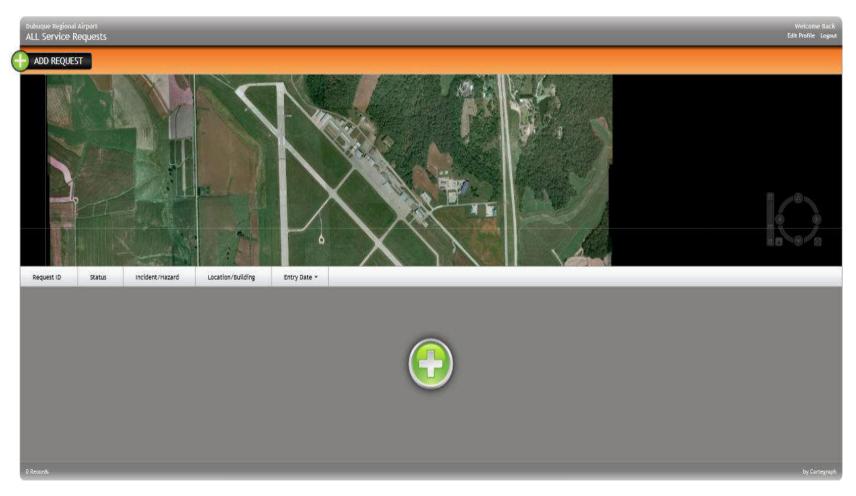


# DBQ Add Request Page



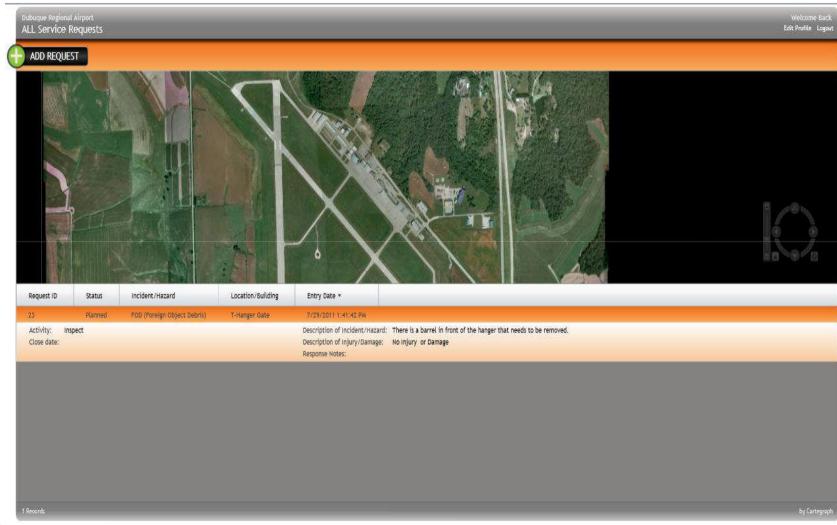


# DBQ Issue Data Page





# DBQ Review Issue Page



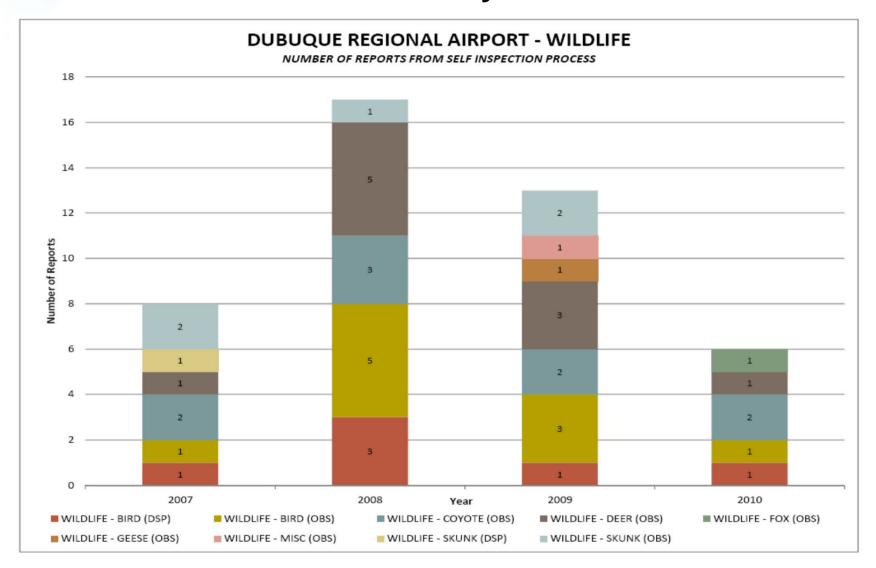


### **DBQ Study Tasks**

- Tasks 4 and 5 Data Collection and Analysis
- Data Sources
  - National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) from 1970
  - NASA /FAA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) from 1988
  - FAA Accident/Incident Data System (AIDS) from 1982
  - DBQ AOA Movement Area Incidents 2000 to 2010
  - DBQ AOA Non-Movement Area Incidents 2000 to 2010
  - Daily Airfield Safety Inspection Record, inspections 2005 to 2010
  - FAA Wildlife Strike Database from 1991
- Reports
  - DBQ Data Analysis Part 1
  - Analysis of Daily Airfield Safety Inspection Records (DASIR)



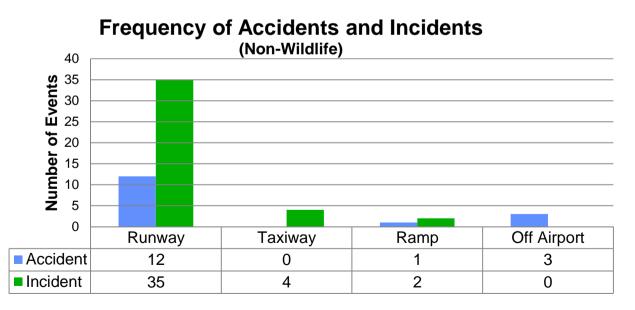
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## **DBQ Data Collection and Analysis**

- Summary of Accidents and Incidents at DBQ
- Databases:
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) from 1970
- FAA Accident/Incident Data System (AIDS) from 1982
- FAA/NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) from 1988
- FAA Wildlife Strike from 1991
- Summary of Accidents and Incidents





## **DBQ – Study Tasks**

- Task 6 Internal Program Evaluation
- Process
  - Conducted from July 11-13
  - 6 stakeholders interviewed
  - Addressed SRM and SA
  - Used methodology described in ACRP Report 1, Vol 2
- Conclusions
  - Staff awareness of SMS and SRM was evident with positive attitude
  - DBQ departments managed by SMS Coordinator who is Supervisor of OPS / Maint responsible for integrating SMS into processes
  - SMS Coordinator has highly visible SMS program in OPS/ Maint.
  - Cartegraph Your Gov is a pronounced software solution for SMS with countless benefits
  - Safety data is being reported, analyzed, trended and investigated
  - Signs of positive safety culture already in change



## **Internal Program Evaluation/ Audit**

- Opportunities for Improvements
  - Implementation of all SMS processes documented in DBQ SMS manual
  - Integrate current safety programs into SMS
- Forward Plan
  - Approve SMS Manual
  - Implement Safety Promotion
  - Integrate other Stakeholders to SMS
  - Integrate ramp activities to SMS
  - Implement SMS indoctrination training (preferrably on-line)
  - Train all DBQ staff on SMS and safety reporting; reach out to stakeholders to implement SMS training





# Safety Management System (SMS) Manual Volume 1

Version 1.0 1 Feb 2011





# Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance Training

- Presentation for SMS Indoctrination and Safety Reporting (actual training will be provided by DBQ)
- SMS, SRM and SA Executive Overview (July/2011)



# Dubuque Regional Airport Findings

- DBQ SMS Part 139 Implementation Study was successfully completed as of August 31, 2011. All six (6) tasks were accomplished with beneficial results.
  - ★ Key "Findings" of the DBQ SMS Implementation Study are:
    - Dubuque SMS structure includes the processes, procedures and policies covering elements and components of SMS
    - Existence of a comprehensive safety policy
    - Continual safety improvement environment
    - Employees are encouraged to report safety issues without fear of reprisal
    - DBQ provides the necessary resources- financial, equipment, personnel, etc.



### **Challenges & Lessons Learned**

- DBQ Airport SMS Implementation Study applied Best Management Practices –BMPs for Lessons Learned:
  - → Work closely with airport to define their vision for a holistic SMS
  - → Begin early on in the project in coordinating the SMS portal development, schematic framework and software solution
  - → If the SMS portal system will interface with other systems ,e.g. city web-site explore potential issues well in advance for resolution steps
  - Limit the time and attendance at SRA sessions so as not to lose focus
  - → Review data collection retrieval processes, coordination and practices, in particular proprietary information confidentiality



## Challenges & Lessons Learned

- Challenges associated with DBQ SMS project:
  - → Interface of the SMS portal web -based system with a new DBQ Airport stand-alone Airport web-site
  - → The Airport web site being interfaced with the City of Dubuque web-site
  - Limited data historical records available



## Successes

- Successes of DBQ SMS Implementation Study:
  - Accomplished implementation of a SMS safety reporting portal that allows future anonymous hazard reporting via the airport's web-page
  - → SMS portal interface can populate the SMS work sheets from safety hazard report data
  - → SMS portal interface with asset management system with capability to populate and issue a work order to the maintenance department
  - → Implementation of findings and recommendations resulting from safety risk assessments



# Dubuque Regional Airport "What Will Help Other Airports"

- What May Help Other Airports:
  - → If Gap Analysis previously conducted, recommend an abbreviated Gap Analysis to assess "current airport" operating conditions
  - → Recommend the "Audit" be conducted as an "Assessment" to assess the current state of the airport's procedures and policies in relationship to the SMS Manual
  - Develop Airport's SMS Manual early on, conduct periodic reviews that may trigger updates during steps of SMS Implementation process

